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Aboriginal Health Research News

Message from Dr. Malcolm King, IAPH Scientific Director

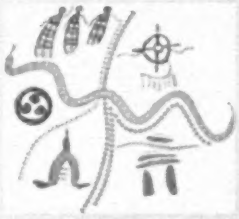
Greetings from sunny Coast Salish territory. The IAPH staff and myself are looking forward to an eventful and exciting summer. For one, IAPH is sponsoring the 2014 National Gathering of Graduate Students (NGGS), which is being held at Simon Fraser University (SFU) in Burnaby, British Columbia, from July 12 to July 14. The Office for Aboriginal Peoples at SFU is hosting the Gathering and Kloshe Tillicum (University of British Columbia) and the Centre for Aboriginal Health Research (University of Victoria) are co-sponsoring. The theme for this year's Gathering is "Indigenous Health Research - Learning from/on the Land", and it is already promising to be a great event. Many thanks to the members of the NGGS Organizing Committee for their dedication and hard work.

In May, I travelled to New York to attend the Thirteenth Session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII), along with a satellite meeting with colleagues to determine an approach to the development of the Global Report Card on Indigenous Health. The UNPFII is an advisory body to the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), with a mandate to discuss indigenous issues related to economic and social development, culture, the environment, education, health and human rights. The special theme of this Thirteenth Session was "Principles of good governance consistent with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples: articles 3 to 6 and 46".

Also in May, I attended a workshop on "The Evidence-Base for Promoting Mental Wellness and Resilience to Address Suicide in Circumpolar Communities". This workshop brought together the newly funded teams to share approaches and interact with the international steering committee which is overseeing this initiative. This workshop was a principal component of an international research project under the auspices of the Arctic Council's Sustainable Development Working Group (SDWG). It was led by Canada, the Kingdom of Denmark (including Greenland and the Faroe Islands), Norway, the United States and the Russian Federation in collaboration with the six Permanent Participant organizations of the Arctic Council.

This month, I will be attending the 26th Annual Native Health Research Conference in Phoenix, Arizona. The conference is hosted by the Native Research Network and I will be presenting a paper entitled, "Addressing Health Disparities and Achieving Wellness for Canada's Indigenous Peoples through Implementation and Scale-Up of Knowledge". This conference supports the advancement of research for the benefit of Indigenous communities, and provides a platform for presentations on recent health research projects and efforts undertaken in Indigenous communities.

Two significant events are taking place in October 2014. The International Network in Indigenous Health Knowledge and Development (INIHKD) in partnership with Manitoba Network Environment for Aboriginal Health Research (NEAHR) are hosting the International Indigenous Health Conference in 2014 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. The INIHKD is a biannual conference dedicated to improving the lives of Indigenous Peoples globally through Indigenous and community-led research, health services and workforce development. This year the conference focuses on Indigenous health research in true collaboration, and mentoring new investigators and graduate students.



Just prior to the INIHKD, IAPH and the BC First Nations Health Authority are co-hosting a meeting of the International Group for Indigenous Health Measurement (IGIHM) in Vancouver, BC. The IGIHM will host sessions on Indigenous infant mortality and Indigenous maternal and child mortality, as well as discussions on wellness indicators.

I look forward to sharing with you some highlights from these important meetings in a future newsletter issue.

Malcolm King, PhD

Pathways Funding Pre-Announcements

Pathways to Health Equity for Aboriginal Peoples: Implementation Research Team Grants – Component 1

This Pathways Implementation Research Teams (IRTs) Funding Opportunity will provide funding for **Component 1 Implementation Research Teams**, which are team development grants to support research teams in building relationships with First Nations, Inuit, and/or Métis communities and identifying promising or effective, multi-faceted population health interventions in any of the 4 exemplar areas that are based in Indigenous practices, and scalable for inclusion in later components.

The funding for this Component is intended to support teams as they work towards preparing an application to Component 2 and/or Component 3. The total amount available for this funding opportunity is $800,000, enough to fund approximately 8 grants. The maximum amount per grant is $100,000 for up to 18 months.

Note: CIHR will be launching separate funding opportunities for Component 2 and 3 applications across the exemplar areas at a later date.

There will be **2 information webinars** to learn more about this funding opportunity. For questions about the registration process, please contact Mélanie Bergeron.

- June 4th 12-1pm EDT;
- June 9th 12-1pm EDT (Register here)

** A recording of both webinars will be available by contacting Melanie Bergeron.*

For questions about this funding opportunity, please contact Sarah Viehbeck.

Population Health Intervention Research

The CIHR-Institute of Population and Public Health (IPPH) and partners will soon be launching the next cycle of Population Health Intervention Research grants. The purpose of this funding opportunity is to support population health intervention research on timely programs, policies and resource distribution approaches that have been initiated by others (e.g., policy makers) and have the potential to impact health and health equity at the population level. Many such interventions are currently unfolding and evolving constantly across the country and are often planned and funded by community, non-profit, private, and/or public organizations both within and outside of the health sector (e.g., housing, environment, transportation, social services, and education). They represent a rich but untapped collection of potential population health interventions that could benefit from researcher expertise and study.

Research priorities for this competition include: Environments and Health; *Pathways to Health Equity for Aboriginal Peoples*; and economic analyses of population health interventions. Keep an eye on the CIHR Funding Opportunities Database for details (e.g. application deadline, application instructions.) on this funding opportunity.

Related Event: IPPH will host a webinar related to this funding opportunity. More information to come. For questions about this initiative and other IPPH-related research priorities, please contact Katherine Cole.

Funding Results

IAPH would like to congratulate the funding recipients from the following competitions.

Doctoral Research Awards: Fall 2013 PA (Aboriginal Research Methodologies)
Colin Baillie (Queen's University)
Using Two-Eyed Seeing to Examine the Physical Activity-Environment Relationship

Doctoral Research Awards: Fall 2013 PA (Research in FNIM Health)
Meaghan Thumath (UBC)
Exploring the role of outreach services to mitigate structural inequities and improve access to primary health care for Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal women

Fellowship: Fall 2013 PA (Aboriginal Research Methodologies)
Anita Benoit (Women's College Hospital)
Linking social and basic sciences to understand stress as a social indicator for the lived experiences of Aboriginal women and a biological indicator for the physiological impact of stress on HIV pathogenesis

Fellowship: Fall 2013 PA (Research in FNIM Health)
Priscilla Ferrazzi (U Alberta)
Creating mental health programs for offenders with mental illness in remote, mainly Inuit Arctic communities

Network Catalyst Grants in Aboriginal Knowledge and Ways of Knowing
Charlotte Reading (U Victoria)
Aboriginal Health Research Networks (AHRNets) for Aboriginal Knowledge and Ways of Knowing

Population Health Intervention Research – Fall 2013
**This grant was funded as part of the Pathways to Health Equity for Aboriginal Peoples signature initiative*
Mylene Riva (U Laval)
Housing in the Canadian Arctic: Assessing the impacts of rehousing for Inuit health

Survey: CIHR HIV/AIDS Research Initiative Strategic Plan (2015-2020)

We need your input!

The CIHR HIV/AIDS Research Initiative is developing a new strategic plan for 2015-2020 and the Institute of Infection and Immunity (III) are asking for a few minutes of your time to complete a short survey about the Initiative's future strategic directions. This is a period of change and opportunity in HIV/AIDS research – please join the consultation to help shape the future of this important Initiative.

Please be candid – we want to get the honest perspectives of the communities. To that end, III have engaged Strachan-Tomlinson, a consulting firm with experience in our area, to handle the consultation process. Your survey responses are anonymous and confidential to Strachan-Tomlinson.

Strachan-Tomlinson will synthesize your comments into a report to be used by the CIHR HIV/AIDS Research Advisory Committee (CHARAC) when they set strategic directions later this Fall.

The survey will close by Monday, June 16th, 2014. Please share this invitation with your colleagues and encourage them to participate in the survey.

Thank you in advance!

Funding Profile

Network Catalyst Grant in Aboriginal Knowledge and Ways of Knowing

Charlotte Reading (University of Victoria)

Congratulations go to Dr. Charlotte Reading from the University of Victoria and her co-applicants Drs Neil Andersson, Nadine Caron, Heather Castleden, Catherine Cook, Jo-Ann Episkenew, Christopher Furgal, Laurence Kirmayer, and Dawn Martin-Hill for their funding under the Network Catalysts Grant competition for her project entitled "Aboriginal Health Research Networks (AHRNets) for Aboriginal Knowledge and Ways of Knowing".

The Aboriginal Health Research Network for Aboriginal Knowledge and Ways of Knowing (AHRN-AKWK) is a national network of regional hubs/teams. Dr. Reading indicated: "The goal of the three-year network catalyst project is to meaningfully engage Indigenous knowledge holders, practitioners, researchers, trainees and knowledge brokers to collaborate and advance health research that foregrounds Aboriginal Knowledge and Ways of Knowing in all aspects of the research process."

Key activities include development of a national resource website, regional engagement of Aboriginal knowledge holders in research, collaboration with national and regional organizations and projects in Aboriginal health, and organization of a national gathering focussed on Indigenous knowledge and health research. This network builds on the strength and capacity of the IAPH-funded Aboriginal Capacity and Development Environments (ACADRE) and Network Environments for Aboriginal Health Research (NEAHR) program (2001-2013).

CIHR News

Show me the Evidence

CIHR is pleased to inform you that the Spring issue of *Show me the Evidence* is now available on the CIHR website. *Show me the Evidence* provides details of how and where findings by CIHR-supported researchers are being used. Since the fall of 2013, each issue of the magazine has focused on one of CIHR's signature initiatives. This issue of Show me the Evidence highlights health research that aligns with CIHR's Personalized Medicine signature initiative.

We encourage you to visit our website and Facebook page to read the publication as well as access extra information such as researcher videos, web-exclusive articles and news about related research initiatives. We also invite you to provide feedback through a brief survey about the content and relevance of this publication.

Registration to 2014 Foundation Scheme Pilot

Researchers who are eligible to apply to the 2014 Foundation Scheme 1st Live Pilot may begin registration to this competition through ResearchNet. **Registration will stay open until 8 p.m. Eastern time, June 23, 2014.** As this is a new funding opportunity, we encourage you to refer to the registration instructions available online.

If you have any other questions please contact Roadmap-Plan.Strategique@cihr-irsc.gc.ca or visit the CIHR website to learn more about the CIHR Reforms of Open Programs and peer review.

CIHR Reforms: Program Leader Foundation Scheme CV

CIHR would like to inform the research community that the requirements for the Program Leader Foundation Scheme CV are now available on CIHR's website. The CV template will be available through the Canadian Common CV (CCV) following the **registration deadline** for the 2014 Foundation Scheme pilot competition on **June 23, 2014**.

We also invite you to view the Stage 1 and Stage 2 application requirements for the 2014 Foundation Scheme pilot competition. Please visit the CIHR website to learn more about the Reforms of Open Programs and peer review processes. If you have any questions please contact Roadmap-Plan.Strategique@cihr-irsc.gc.ca.

The Institute of Aboriginal Peoples' Health fosters the advancement of a national health research agenda to improve and promote the health of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples in Canada, through research, knowledge translation and capacity building. The Institute's pursuit of research excellence is enhanced by respect for community research priorities and Indigenous knowledge, values and cultures.

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